



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

VON DRACH et al.

Serial No.: 09/926,432

Filed: December 31, 2001

For: REINFORCING AND/OR PROCESS FIBERS BASED ON VEGETABLE
FIBERS AND PRODUCTION THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 1761

Examiner: C. Thompson

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of January 3, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response has been extended to expire on May 3, 2003 by the filing herewith of a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1-8 and 10-13 with the following amended claims.

1(Amended). Reinforcing fibres based on vegetable fibres whose elementary fibres are fibrillated, comprising the elementary fibres have a fibril content greater than 3 area per cent and less than 50 area per cent.

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